

REMARKS

Priority

In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the Priority Information. No new matter has been introduced by any of these amendments.

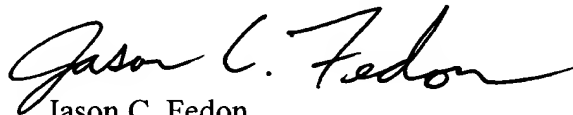
Information Disclosure

In view of the Examiner's request for the information disclosure statement and cited references, applicant encloses a copy of the following documents, which were filed on December 5, 2001.

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. 1449 Form;
3. Copy of the Returned Postcard; and
4. Courtesy copy of the cited references.

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. If it would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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